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August 2022 Edition

August Meeting Minutes:

Bob Liesenfeld, WB0POQ, called the meeting to order at the Minnetonka Community Center on August 6, 2022 at 1:05PM. 12 members were in attendance either in person or via Zoom..

- The meeting minutes for the June 2022 meetings were approved.
- The Treasurer was present but not called upon for a report.

Old Business:

Bob Liesenfeld, WB0POQ, brought up planning for a Build-A-Thon. A suggestion has been made to hold an equipment repair sesson, particularly since the next Build-A-Thon would normally be at the November meeting which would be very short time for producing or procuring any kind of a kit as a project.

Kevin Welna, W5LNA, suggested a project using an arduino or PIC to produce a simple CW keyer for rigs that lack one. The project could be extended by including actually designing a PCB for the project and sending it out for fabrication.

A reminder: MnARTS is still looking for candidates for Vice-president and Member At Large. If you have an interest, please contact **Bob Liesenfeld, WB0POQ**.

New Business:

No new business was brought up.

Show and Tell:

Tim Burd, WD9IGX, brought in a box of precision wire wound resisters he thought might be useful as a means to check the functionality of DVMs. He invited everybody to help them selves.



Bob Liesenfeld, WB0POQ, brought in a 20 M superhet receiver he's been working on for about 28 years and described some of its features and his adventures with it.



Chuck Stroud, KA8HD, brought in some odds and ends of abandoned projects and miscellaneous parts for anyone who would have a use for them.

Mark Neuman, KL0ITP, showed a temperature monitoring system built around a Pi Pico he has been working on.



He also showed an AC power controller that normally would be controlled from an Iphone via wifi but can be modified to use a fixed IP and communicate with a Pi.



Presentation:

The August technical presentation was provided by **Ed Fong, WB6IQN**, via zoom from Sunnyvale, CA. Ed described the different j-pole VHF and UHF antennas he has designed and sells as well as some of the theory behind the antenna. He also offered a special price on select antennas and accessories. If interested contact Bob Liesenfeld (contact info below).



Next Meeting:

Next meeting on September 3, 2022 at 1PM, tentatively at the Minnetonka Community Center with Zoom.

Club Officers:

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